

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application and consideration and entry of this paper are respectfully requested in view of the herein remarks, which place the application in condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application and have been rejected in the Office Action mailed on December 21, 2010. Claim 1 is hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, for example at page 4, lines 21-21.

II. THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Numbered paragraph 3 rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description. In particular, amendments made to claim 1 in the previous response are alleged to lack support. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and are rejected based on that dependency.

As indicated above in the listing of claims, claim 1 is hereby amended, making moot the rejections in this application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejections in this application.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over the previously cited references. Further claims 2-10 are allowable as well.

CONCLUSION

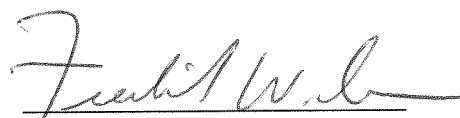
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and an early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

The Examiner has made of record, but not applied, several documents. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's implicit finding that these documents, whether considered alone or in combination with others, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

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